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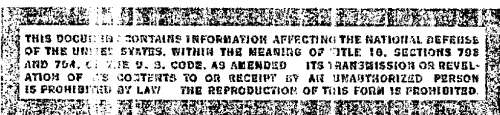
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1. On 1 January 1953, all the component units of KVPD 1213 were merged into "VP Verband Prenzlau". The use of the term division was forbidden. 1

2. the entire VP Verband Prenzlau was to be assembled in the wooded area around Torgelow in the spring of 1953. The headquarters of the Verband immediately began to prepare for the assembly of the units in late February in order to ensure that the training would begin on time. Ration supplies, particularly canned meat and vegetables, were purchased at an increased rate. Ration supplies were stored in the Droegeheide and Pinnow areas. 2

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3. the alleged KVP maneuvers were to be held in the Torgelow-Eggesin-Jeckermuende-Ferdinandshof area from June to late August 1953. All the component units of Armeegruppe Nord were to participate in this maneuver. 3

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4. On 10 December 1952, KVPD 1213 in Prenzlau was made responsible for the supply of the following camps of the Dienst fuer Deutschland Labour Service: Gross-Stallberg Camps, southeast of Torgelow, 342 men; Droegeheide Camp, east of Torgelow, 322 men; Forsthaus Neuhaus Camps. 529 men.

the personnel of these camps which, on 21 January, had a total ration strength of 859 men, was to be transferred to VP Verband Prenzlau. The camps were to be occupied by units of the Verband expected to arrive in late February. On 6 February, the three camps had a total ration strength of 2,749 men. 4

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5. On 14 January, 41 new sedans with cross-country mobility arrived by rail for the VP Verband Prenzlau. The vehicles had been manufactured at the BMW Eisenach and were similar in their structure to the former model 15 vehicle in use with the German Wehrmacht. In late January, the Verband had to turn over 35 BMW sedans to the Ministry of the Interior. These vehicles had to be replaced by sedans having cross-country mobility.

6. The following last name, rank and assignment of officers

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General Kalobov Chief Soviet officer

Captain Jakoby Commanding officer of the 1st Bn of the 2d Inf Regt. Since mid-December 1952, the battalion has been stationed at the barracks installation on Alsen Strasse.

Senior Lieutenant Kuehnel Commanding officer of the 2d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt; the battalion is located at the barracks installation on Alsen Strasse.

Captain Tepsch Commanding officer of the 3d (training) Bn of the 2d Inf Regt.

Captain Muentel Commanding officer of the 2d Inf Regt. The regimental headquarters and headquarters elements are located at the airfield barracks.

Major Moeschel Chief of the KVID State Security Service.

Schlegel Deputy to the political officer.

All the Soviet advisers are billeted in block A-3 of the airfield barracks, while the headquarters of the 2d Inf Regt is located in block B-1 of this installation.

7. [] the D-1 unit, although independent, is subordinate to the headquarters of the division. Elements of this unit are assigned to other headquarters. The engineer units of the infantry regiments are designated S-3 units. A D-2 unit is located in Fuenfeichen. 5
8. The component units of KVID 1213 stationed at Frenzlau had the following ration strengths on the days mentioned:

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Date	Number of Officers, POOs and EM	Number of Soviet Advisers
20 December 1952	4,040	59
1 January 1953	3,763	56
10 " "	3,702	57
18 " "	3,644	57
21 " "	3,754	66
24 " "	3,748	68
31 " "	3,854	70
6 February 1953	3,976	71

On 31 January, 100 VPs arrived from the KVPD in Grossenhain. Other re-placements arriving prior to 6 February came from the Dienst fuer Deutschland Labor Service camps. 6

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9. [] units of the division stationed outside Frenzlau had the following ration strengths:

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1st Inf Regt in Pinnow: 3,306 officers, NCOs and EM
 Tank regiment at Droegeheide: 2,453 officers, NCOs and EM
 S-5 unit (location unknown): 352 officers, NCOs and EM. 7

10. The elements of the division stationed in Frenzlau had the following ration strengths on the days mentioned:

Unit	15 December	18 December	19 December	18 January	6 February
Headquarters of the Verband				104:70	91:86
Headquarters company		8:68		7:61	6:67
Chemical defense platoon		1:17		1:20	1:23
Supply company		7:78		7:76	10:93
Motor transport school		20:164			15:183
Motor vehicle maintenance echelon			7:55	7:56	8:53
Division school		11:61		11:177	14:68
Bakery company		4:45		4:44	4:46
Hospital		139:		132:	122:
Aid station				1:15	
Undetermined			38:47	10:57	
Guards				:50	
Prison				:32	
D-1 battalion		48:215		66:334	51:248
2d Inf Regt (headquarters and headquarters elements) 78:241				54:168	63:252
1st Bn of the 2d Inf Regt		60:672		58:585	62:641
2d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt		52:557		52:550	58:612
3d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt 46:485				45:410	48:503
S-1 unit			6:05	6:00	7:02
S-2 unit (signal unit)			7:16	7:44	7:53
S-3 unit (engineer unit)			6:00	7:54	8:54

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S-4 unit	8:48	7:45	8:51
S-6 unit	7:48	8:43	9:49
SP gun unit	9:23	8:21	8:30

11. On 30 January, the tank regiment at Droegeheide, officially referred to as C-Kommando, had the following strength:

1st Bn	headquarters	18:21
	1st Co	9:47
	2d Co	8:40
	1st Btry	10:21
2d Bn	headquarters	15:10
	1st Co	23:64
	2d Co	6:43
	2d Btry	8:22
3d Bn	headquarters	15:20
	1st Co	8:41
	2d Co	8:39
	3d Btry	8:22
1st Mtrcl Co		88
2d Mtrcl Co		61

Besides the component units mentioned, the regiment included a headquarters, an S-1 unit, a technical department, a motor vehicle repair echelon, a supply company, a service platoon and a medical aid station.

12. The following ration strengths were determined in December 1952:

	Number of daily rations issued	Number of daily rations issued for travelling soldiers	Number of ration tickets issued	Total
Pinnow	71,534	2,585	23,275	97,394
Prenzlau	85,503	632	33,859	119,994
Droegeheide	68,562	1,791	13,784	84,137
Grand Total	225,599	5,008	70,918	301,525

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1. Comment. the designation "Verband" was also introduced for other KVI units in early January. It is not clear whether this designation stands for division or whether independent VI units (KVIs) represent "Verbaende".

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2. Comment. It is expected that the units of the divisions in Irenzlau and Eggesin which moved to winter quarters in November 1952, will return to the Stallberg-Droeggeheide-Torgelow-Spechtbert-Eggesin-Karpin-Altwarpe area when weather conditions and the completion of quarters will make this possible. 25X1
3. Comment. It is believed that the training status which will be reached by Armeegruppe Nord in the summer of 1953 will not permit the conduct of large-scale maneuvers. Ma- 25X1
neuvres will be held before the fall of 1953. 25X1
4. Comment. The great fluctuation in the ration strength stated cannot be explained. It is believed that the Dienst fuer Deutschland Labor Service camps will be subordinated to the KVP units in the areas where they are employed. 25X1
5. Comment. The D-1 unit is the signal communication battalion of the division in Irenzlau. The S-3 units are engineer platoons assigned to infantry regiments. The engineer units located in Fuenfeichen include: EVID 9140 which is directly subordinate to the KVI - the engineer battalion of the division in Irenzlau. The two latter battalions had their winter quarters in Fuenfeichen. 25X1
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7. Comment. the 1st Inf Regt in Pinnow consists of 3,000 to 3,500 men. The SF gun regiment of the division in Irenzlau is believed to consist of 900 to 1,000 men. It is therefore believed that the ration strength of 2,453 given for the tank regiment in Droeggeheide also includes other units, possibly members of the Dienst fuer Deutschland Labor Service. The S-5 unit is the AAA battalion of the division in Irenzlau. The AAA battalion is located in the Gross Stallberg-Droeggeheide area. 25X1
8. Comment. It is believed that the figures given in this paragraph are correct. They also include the personnel strength of the regimental school The figures would add up to a total personnel strength of 900 to 1,000 men. 25X1
9. Comment. These data indicates that the average ration strength of the units stationed at the three posts mentioned was approximately 10,000 men. If the strength of the division units presently in winter quarters in Loebau, Kirchmoosser and Kochstedt is added to this sum, one arrives at a total strength of 14,000 to 15,000 men for the division in Irenzlau. It is believed that the personnel exceeding the authorized strength of a Soviet rifle division will be used as cadre personnel for the organization of new divisions in the spring and summer of 1953. 25X1

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